THE BALLOT-BOX-POLL-TAX-PROP-ERTY QUALIFICATION.

The ballot-box, in other days, was regarded as the bulwark of our republican inestitutions. But it is fast becoming the facile instrument by which the voice of atterly unfit to vote, it at the same time interly unfit to vote, it at the same time interly unfit to vote, it at the same time interly unfit to vote, and therefore the Selma, and therefore the Selma road, as the people is defeated. From one end excludes an immense number, as we built from Memphis, may well be of the of the Union to the other, we hear of the most startling revelations as to the corruptions in elections. The election in Arkansas was a mockery. Fraud and corruption at the ballot-box in Louisiana was open, brazen and unblushing.

The elections in Pennsylvania have been excludes an immense number, as we have shown, of those to whom it is unjust to deny the right. Sometimes, too, if not too often, the laboring subordinated to the purposes of St. Louis, when it should constitute an extension of the Memphis and Little Rock and Memphis and Kansas City roads. Will the time never come when merchanic and property-holders may devote The elections in Pennsylvania have been characterized as stupendous frauds and governed by the most shameless villainy. Governor Walker, in his recent message to the legislature of Virginin, says:

Will the time never come when merchants and property-holders may devote a share of attention to these questions?

The shameless pollution, of the ballot which has recently been witnessed in some of our sister States forces upon us tives; where a few own the soil and the the grave consideration whether the mass of the population are only tenants; Main street, offer Bargains, foundations of our social and civil and where, as in our country, the peofabric are not being sapped by corruption, and whether the ballot, instead of being the palladium of our liberties, is iquitous tariffs, laid to subserve private not becoming the instrument of their destruction. Certainly every guard and protection should be employed to preserve and maintain the purity of elections and the free, untrammeled executions and the free, untrammeled executions and the free, untrammeled executions and the free of the structure. The latest the sectional interests. Entertaining the instrument of their destruction. Certainly every guard these views, we cannot indorse the remedy proposed by Gov. Walker, nor can be a similar proposition, if made the free of their destruction. The sectional interests and sectional interests. Entertaining the instrument of their destruction. Certainly every guard these views, we cannot indorse the remedy proposed by Gov. Walker, nor can be a similar prop pression of popular sentiment. The imposition of air annual tax of two dollars upon every citizen of the Commonwealth of twenty-one years of age and upward, to be devoted exclusively to the support and maintenance of our common schools, and prohibiting any one from voting until he exhibits a proper certificate of the payment of this tax, would not only very materially lessen the burden of taxation upon property, daily newspaper, issued from Memphis, but would also throw an additional safe-

come a farce. A law must be passed which will confound the political scoun-lanuary, 1873. The proceedings of that BULLETIN for THIS DAY drels who stuff the ballot-box, or carry
the elections by fraud. There is no punishment too severe for the knaves who
corrupt the ballot-box, the engine by
which freemen should make known
which freemen should make known which freemen should make known their will. Indeed, "we must have done with that corruption that imperils the very existence of free institutions, and those usurpations and abuses of power that tend to make elections in a portion of the Union the veriest mockery of republicanism." Where corruption has been charged in the corruption has been charged in the one side that thousands and tens of thousands were defrauded of the right to register and vote. On the other comes the charge that thousands more were counted than thousands more were counted than sands and tens of thousands were de-frauded of the right to register and vote. thousands more were counted than voted. Judges of elections are charged est by people of all shades of political with giving certificates to defeated can-opinic them from men elected by the popular vote. A pure ballot is the essential principle which underlies our form of government. But now, that this resort washington—who wish to be supplied NEW PORK - PACKING HOUSE. of freemen has become corrupted, the with the general news of the outside

patriot looks with gloomy forebodings world, should become readers of the ms to the means by which our republi-eau institutions are to be perpetuated.

WE shall, on Monday, December 2d, open our to be, as it has ever been, the represent-It will be seen from the above extract ative organ of the white people. We PORK-PACKING HOUSE that Governor Walker proposes to puri-print every morning the full reports by fy the ballot-box to some extent, by telegraph of the Associated Press news making the payment of a poll-tax the of the whole world, full and accurate retive of a freeman. This legislation will ports of the home and foreign markets, tive of a freeman. This legislation will proposed in so of Congress and the Lagie, and will be enabled to furnish our customers. only breed strife, without correcting the latures of Tennessee, Arkansas and Misevil, for candidates and political rings sissippi, and all the local and foreign sissippi, and all the local and foreign will combine and pay the poll-tax of the vagabonds in order to secure their votes. In times of to secure their votes. In times of for six months, by mail. The Weekly, war it is generally that class who pay which is a complete compendium of the 192 and 194 Hernando street, cor. Vance to taxes that do the hard fighting, and news of the Daily, is two dollars and a they should have a voice in electing thalf per year, or at two dollars for clubs. Cigars and Tobaccos CO TON FACTORS those who make and administer the of five or more. laws. To impose an annual tax of two dollars upon every citizen and the pay-THE annihilation of Assessors and ment of it, a qualification for voting vill not correct the "shameless pollu- Assistant-Assessors of Internal Revenue, tion of the ballot-box "-about which as provided for in the bill introduced by Governor Walker mourns. The imposition of such a tax is a recognition of and Means, and passed by the House,

Republic. It is afraid that the people will

take for their text the axiom of Fourier,

"Property is theft." But property thus

rich and poor, who lamentably and miserably failed to act the part of men.

Neither is the stake or interest of men

the principle of property qualification, will please everybody. The reduction which should ever be held as repugnant of the internal revenue taxes will make to a republican government. The acsisition of property is no evidence of The revenue collection will be attended industry, energy, capacity, honesty and intelligence, for it is often inherited, and ors, and it is to be hoped that before long there are a thousand ways of accumu- a number of even these may be spared lating property without industry, energy to earn their living along with the less-fortunate assessors. the possession of property evidence of so g cat an interest in the welfare of the GOVERNOR ALCORN'S vote in Missis. 206 Main Street, Corner of Alley. country, that on that score it qualifies sippi was 72,000, Grant's 70,000, and 150,- RALPH WORMELEY. and entitles a man to vote. It is true, 000 voters are registered. Where were property is conservative. It is sensi- those of the 83,000 voters who did not

tive. It dreads revolutions, mobs, dis- appear at the polls, and why were they turbances, instability in measures, ras- absent? e slity in legislation, blunders and stu-THERE are six blacks and twelve

will soon be in session, and its proceed-

English Constitution, and the French board with a colored dame. POLITICAL.

exchange their liberties for security. It is often inclines men to base compliances, makes them think it rash and unwise in men of boldness and honesty to ernor of the State, and not simply of a

write and publish the truth. To-day it dreads confiscation and persuades its owners to assist in the miserable work of despotism. The property-holder of the city, to save his estates, becomes the ally of Radicalism, abandons the cause of the country, becomes the Judas who betrays constitutional liberty, divests himself of his rights, and sits down maked, in the hope that by a tame that the hope that write and publish the truth. To-day it party.

maked, in the hope that by a tame submission he may avert the threatened storm, or survive its pelitings without losing what is dearer to him than honor—his property. The proprietorship of property is not inconsistent with an utter want of patriotism, an intense selfishness, a miserable indifference to the honor of the country. Wealth is often the evidence of thrift, economy, energy, perseverance, judgment and honesty, and often of unconscientious bargaining, the plundering of others, the betrayal of one's country, lucky or rascally speculations, or mere good fortune; but it does not prove its owner patriotic, or even tend, in most cases, to make him so. It is no evidence, one way or the other, of the presence or absence of an unselfish de-

presence or absence of an unselfish de-presence or absence of an unselfish de-elect Woodson, Ex-Congressman Rolwe have all seen, during the late war,

RAILROADS.

in the welfare, the prosperity, the liber-Southeast of Us. ty and the honor of a country to be Between Savannah and the town of measured by their wealth or estates, any Opelika, Alabama, we already have a more than it is in proportion to their continuous line of rallway in excellent size or capacity to eat and drink. The condition, under admirable management. The Savannah and Memphis railroad, completed and operated a disblessings which both enjoy, than the tich. The young man just entering upon the journey and engaging in the battle of life, with fair prospects of accumulating wealth, or winning honor and renown, or securing to himself and limited that the second completed and operated a distance of forty miles west of Opelika, well equipped and in competent and energetic hands, is being rapidly pushed forward to some point where it will intersect the Mobile and Ohio railroad. Following the line of that road to Columbus, Kentucky, the Mississippi river pieted and operated a disthe woman of his choice a comfortable home, by the labor of his hands, has as great and as profound an interest in everything that concerns the State and nation as Astor or Stewart. There is St. Louis, and by a direct railway route using all the ways the first form. no ground, therefore, on which the right to vote can be denied to the honest, unright reputable, intelligence of the Savannah and Memphis railroad, between the

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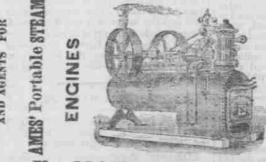
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